



# Meeting of the Alliance of Parliamentary Groups "For Democratic Belarus" October 6–7, 2025 Assemblée nationale - Paris, France

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming meeting of leaders and representatives of parliamentary groups within the Alliance of Groups "For Democratic Belarus"

which will take place in Paris on October 6-7, 2025

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#### Overview of the Alliance's work

The Alliance of Parliamentary Groups "For a Democratic Belarus" brings together the European Parliament's Belarus delegation and national parliamentarians from 22 countries (Austria, Canada, Czechia, Estonia, France, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Norway, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the USA) with the parliamentary groups are being developed in Albania, Kosovo and Bulgaria.

Established in Berlin in November 2023, the Alliance has rapidly become a vital forum for supporting the Belarusian democratic movement. Its members keep Belarus on the international agenda, draft and promote parliamentary resolutions on human rights, and provide tangible solidarity. For example, national parliaments have championed laws to strengthen Belarusian civil society, taken

symbolic "godparenthood" over political prisoners, as well as facilitated internships for Belarusian activists.

The Alliance also works to prevent legal discrimination against Belarusians abroad and maintains contacts with Belarusian democratic forces in international organizations such as PACE, OSCE, the European Parliament, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and NATO Parliamentary Assembly. In addition, Alliance experts advise Belarusian experts on drafting a future democratic constitution and complementary laws.

Alliance was <u>founded</u> during the Parliamentary Groups conference in Berlin in November 2023, which brought together MPs from 16 national parliaments and the European Parliament.

More recently, the second Alliance meeting in March 2025 gathered MPs from 27 countries. There the participants finalized a Rome Declaration – a joint commitment by 30 parliamentarians to support a democratic transition in Belarus and to strengthen parliamentary cooperation. By signing this declaration, the Alliance members formalized their solidarity with Belarusian civil society and outlined concrete priorities, such as ending repression, integrating exiles, holding free elections, and supporting independent media.

Building on these successes, the Paris meeting will review recent developments in Belarus and explore what parliaments can do more to back the Belarusian people's path to freedom. It will also be an opportunity to discuss other critical issues – such as the Ukraine war's impact, the rule of law, and broader regional security – underscoring that a democratic Belarus is key to lasting peace and stability in the region.

# **Objectives**

The Paris meeting aims to further the Alliance's agenda through:

- 1. Reviewing developments in Belarus since the last Alliance meeting and discussing the role national parliaments can play in supporting a democratic Belarus.
- 2. **Strengthening cooperation** between national parliaments and Belarusian democratic forces through active engagement of Parliamentary Groups.
- 3. Exchanging best **practices on supporting Belarusians** in exile and addressing key challenges such as passport issues, business conditions, visas, work permits, and access to employment to help Belarusians integrate and thrive in host countries.
- 4. **Encouraging parliamentary action** through national hearings, solidarity days, the godparenthood campaign for political prisoners, and regular engagement with democratic institutions of Belarus.
- 5. **Discuss plans** for the future cooperation within the Alliance.

# **Participants**

The third Alliance meeting is hosted by the French National Assembly and the Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, President-elect of Belarus. Alliance members, the Belarusian United Transitional Cabinet, the Coordination Council, and representatives of the expert community are invited.

Working languages: French, English and Belarusian

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